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NORTHFIELD 10 YEARS AGO From The Files of The Press

The board of selectmen, consisting of Fred A. Holton, Myron Dunnell and Hermon Fisher, who were reelected to serve during the present year have organized with Mr. Holton as chairman and in charge of health, Mr. Dunnell has the streets, and Mr. Fisher the welfare under his jurisdiction.

Information from Washington states that a project for a post office building in East Northfield costing approximately \$75,000 is included in a list of approved federal building projects. East Northfield was on the list a year ago and it is evident that some day a post office building here will become a reality.

The rain and sleet of the past week end caused icy walks and roads and travelling was difficult. The high wind of Wednesday really ushered in March as a roaring lion.

Sheldon Bros. have recently acquired a new route out of Bellows Falls, Vt., for the collection of milk to be taken by them to Boston on their daily trips.

Julian Tvedt died of a skull fracture as a result of a collision of his car with a C. V. locomotive.

A 1938 Ford Deluxe Sedan, heater and radio was priced at \$620.

WEATHER STATION REPORT

The following data is compiled from the weather station located on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls:

Date	Max.	Min.
February 24	44	23
February 25	49	29
February 26	34	30
February 27	35	14
February 28	43	24
March 1	33	24
March 2	36	19

10 inches of snow on March 1st, with .97 precipitation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 4, Fortnightly meeting, Alexander Hall, 3 p. m. Mrs. William P. Suzan, speaker.
- March 10, Mid-week Lenten Service in Congregational Church vestry. Afternoon Alliance meeting. Evening Alliance meeting.
- March 11, Frederic Snyder lecture, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
- March 13, 20-45 Club meeting.
- March 14, P.T.A. meeting, Alexander Hall, 8 p. m. State Line Fellowship meeting.
- March 15, Brotherhood meeting.
- March 16, Red Men meeting, Grange Hall, 8 p. m.
- VFW meeting, 8 p. m. Post quarters.
- March 21, Friendly Class meeting.

ON THE AIR



The Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., will be on the air at the regular time this Saturday, 4:45 over station WHAI, with another in the series of Speak Up For Democracy broadcasts. Unto Hantunen will be the speaker.

Rep. Heselton Sees Secretary Acheson

Dispatches from Washington indicate that Congressman John W. Heselton has been busy on many fronts, for he has thrown his support to a housing bill covering many phases of the housing problem. Congressman Heselton, with four other representatives, has entered the battle now raging over the Administration efforts to kill the Taft-Hartley law, with the following statement, "To grant the Administration's demand that the government be stripped of all statutory powers to deal with work stoppages endangering the public health or safety is unthinkable."

Heselton recently discussed the Chinese situation with Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State.

News Commentator to Appear Here, Mar. 11



FREDERIC SNYDER

Frederic Snyder, well-known international news commentator of Kingston, N. Y., will speak on Friday evening, March 11, at the Northfield Town Hall, under the auspices of the Square & Compass Club of Harmony Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

His subject is "Keeping Ahead of the Headlines," presented in the form of a verbal newspaper, of which clever idea Mr. Snyder is the editor and originator. His up-to-the-minute news of world affairs is vividly portrayed in the form of some sensational headline facts, an editorial or inspiration, a humorous column and some advertisements urging action.

Frederic Snyder's extensive travels in nearly every country of the world, his present close touch with the men of power in many lands, and his own intimate experiences give authority to his strikingly prophetic messages in the light of events.

Tickets are available from members of the Lodge and will be on sale at the door the night of the presentation.

Town Topics

Bob Gingras has a new convertible.

Pioneer Valley Ends Membership Drive



MISS ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER

This country was founded on the concept that it is a "nation of communities" and the sooner we get back to that way of thinking the better, said Dr. Millard C. Faught, New York Industrial management consultant, to the dinner gathering of the Pioneer Valley Association.

More than 48 towns in the three county area were represented at the meeting marking the close of the 1949 membership drive.

Dr. Faught continued by saying more thought should be given to helping the "little guy" in business, for much of this country's industry is composed of small business employing less than 100 employees.

A. L. Lawrence, president of the Association presided, and Lorenzo D. Lambson, president of the Hampden County Farm Bureau presided at an open meeting of the executive committee.

Albert Crane of Wilkesboro was elected chairman of this group for the coming year.

Miss Elizabeth Shoemaker, executive director of the Association spoke briefly on the advertising program of the PVA for the coming year.

Local committee members present were: Harold Briggs, chairman, Charles Repeta, and Unto Hantunen.

Chairman Briggs reported that the membership drive in Northfield netted \$331.00, with the quota being \$500.

The Association is conducting a three-county industrial survey this summer, which presumably will conclude a survey of Northfield.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Potts have presented a large American flag to the Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion. It is planned to use it for display on the staff at the honor roll.

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Local Women Attend Smith Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Smith College Club of Franklin County was held on Wednesday evening, March 2, at the home of Mrs. J. Porter Smart in Greenfield. The following Northfield women were in attendance: Principal Mira B. Wilson and the Misses Lucy W. Titcomb and Sigourney Estey of the faculty of the Northfield School for Girls Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney of Birnam road and Mrs. Madeleine P. Chapin of East street.

Mrs. Alice M. Ware of Shelburne Falls gave a comprehensive report of the recent council meeting at Smith and Miss Martine Dornon of Casa Blanca, Morocco, North Africa, gave an most interesting description of life in that little known country. Miss Dornon is a Senior at Smith and is chairman of the Honors Board.

It was voted to give \$50.00 to Ginling College in China. A rummage sale is on the agenda for the near future. The next meeting will be held on April 28 at the home of Miss Wilson, Northfield School for Girls.

The Northfield Club Meets at the Weldon

The Franklin County Northfield Club will meet in the Tyrolean Room of the Weldon in Greenfield on March 12, at 6:30.

The program will consist of a soprano soloist Ruth Elizabeth Field, accompanied by Mrs. Phoebe Ann McGuane; Miss Annie Mildred Herring dietician at the Northfield School for Girls; Mr. M. David Birdsall, Purchasing agent for the Northfield Schools.

Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Francis Poltrass, 83 Shelburne road, Greenfield, by March 7.

Those wishing transportation from Northfield or East Northfield should get in touch with the following: Mrs. E. M. Powell, 548; Mrs. David Hammond, 711; Mrs. Robert Abbot, 678.

The Alliances Meet

The Afternoon Alliance of the Unitarian Church will meet in the home of Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed on Thursday, March 10, at which time Mrs. Goodspeed will give a talk on Antique glass. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Frank Williams.

The Evening Alliance will meet the same evening at the church for an inter-Church and inter-racial evening. Guests from the Friendly Class of the Congregational Church, from Hebrew and Negro Societies in Greenfield, will be present.

Miss Bernice Webster will speak on "The Satisfaction of preaching and practicing art."

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Dean Williams, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Shirley N. Kehl and Miss Nellie Dearstyne.



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Consolidation Meets With General O. K.

A number of local people attending the meeting in Bernardston this week sponsored by the local P.T.A. under the leadership of Laurie Harris and F. Sumner Turner, school union superintendent.

Representatives from Bernardston, Gill, Leyden and Northfield expressed their approval of Consolidation, which would provide a higher form of public school education for this entire area.

Harris said the regional high school here would cost about \$420,000 and that the state would grant \$252,000, making the town's share \$168,000.

Each of the five towns, the four mentioned above, and Warwick included in School Union No. 22 has some problem in finding facilities for their pupils. Consolidation, according to Supt. Turner, would solve many of the problems now existing in this union, although the cost of maintaining regional high schools compared to that for sending pupils out of town would be slightly higher, but the advantages would be greater also.

Town Topics

Local maple syrup is on sale all-around and according to reports they had a good run last week. Among those in the "sugar bush" were Roy Barrows, Ernest N. Kirmann and George L. Partridge.

Officers Reelected At VFW Post Meeting

The Northfield Post 9874 of the V. F. W. reelected all officers of the March 2 meeting. The officers were elected when the post was organized last July, therefore the coming term will be the first full term in office. The officers reelected were: Dr. J. W. Bennett, Commander; Robert Gingras, Senior Vice-Commander; Mark Wright, Junior Vice-Commander; Quartermaster, Thomas Hurley; Chaplain, A. Eugene Irish; Service Officer, Stanley Payson; Trustees, Harry Holloway, Stanley Johnson, and Edward Luciw.

No changes were made in the appointed officers.

The Memorial Day Committee, headed by Tom Hurley, which will cooperate with the Haven H. Spencer Post in preparing plans for services on Memorial Day, organized and began making plans for the memorial parade and services.

The Post went on record as offering their cooperation when the town begins work on the proposed swimming pool.

Installation ceremonies will take place April 18.

Town Topics

Mrs. Hazel Rogers Gredler, former pastor of the Unitarian Church, was a visitor in town during the past week.

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Clark Gable in Command Decision at Latchis Theatre



CLARK GABLE, who appears as Gen. "Casey" Dennis in "Command Decision," Latchis Memorial Theatre, Brattleboro, beginning Sunday, was born in Cadiz, Ohio, and came to pictures following his Broadway success in "The Last Mile" and won overnight stardom after his performance opposite Norma Shearer in "A Free Soul." He has been a consistent box-office leader ever since. "Homecoming," "The Hucksters" and "Adventure" are his most recent pictures. In "Command Decision" he shares stellar honors with Walter Pigeon, Van Johnson and Brian Donlevy.

Gable served overseas under conditions somewhat similar to those depicted in the war story.

CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

John Farris of grade five received a letter from Serge Boutelle who said he had a taste of some candy from America.

Ann Parker received two letters from Lucienne Valais who sent Ann birthday greetings.

A movie on the correct fitting of shoes for boys and girls was shown to grades three through six on Monday.

Janice Randalls who is in the sixth grade, spent part of her vacation at her aunt's in Springfield, Mass.

Donald Hiller visited cousins in Shelburne Falls.

Norman Dean spent a few days in Boston.

Lawrence Angell was in Boston Wednesday and Thursday.

Mary Ellen Barnes has chicken-pox.

Irene Doolittle has received a letter from Lilliane Locquols of Camiers, France.



NEW ARRIVALS

At Farren Memorial Hospital, March 2, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waterman of Northfield; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waterman of 703 Pleasant street, Alhoh.

DUDA, in Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, March 2, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Duda of Northfield.

STOWELL, in Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, March 2, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leoman Stowell of Northfield.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

A Report

Rt. 1, Birnam Road,
Northfield, Mass.
March 3, 1949

Dear Mr. Editor:

"As Ye Sow, Also Shall Ye Reap." The American Red Cross is beginning its annual drive for funds. Most of us will contribute to this worthy cause unselfishly - expecting nothing in return. The Red Cross is more than an "Angel of Mercy" in moments of distress and disaster. The Red Cross wants to show its appreciation of your support by giving value received in service to your town if and when you decide to have a community swimming place.

The Red Cross will provide all water safety equipment such as buoys, life savers, etc. The Red Cross will send our chosen candidate for life guard to Boston (all expenses paid) for complete life saving course. The Red Cross will provide a life guard and pay his expense on our life guard's day off. The Red Cross will conduct free classes in water safety and swimming for our children.

At the Annual Town Meeting, under Article 38, the following vote was taken: Voted that no money be raised at this time, but that a committee of seven be appointed to investigate the leasing of land and construction and maintaining a community swimming pool and skating rink, and to report at a later town meeting; said committee to be comprised of: Edward M. Powell Jr., Chas. Repeta, Virginia Leach, Helen Benney, Horace F. Field, Jr., Albert L. Rice, and Fred I. Bolton.

This was the majority vote of the people at the town meeting.

The committee can only investigate possible sites and costs of construction and upkeep. If you are interested in swimming facilities for your pleasure - the welfare of your children - the enhancement of your town it is your privilege and constitutional right to make your wishes and suggestions known so the committee can help fulfill your desires. If you have a suggestion to make and cannot find time to write a letter or a card pick up the phone and call any member of the committee.

Investigation so far reveals: - A life guard for an eight hour day, six days a week would cost about \$30 per week. A swimming season would be about ten weeks. When do you think it would be best to begin and end? A life guard needs an hour out for lunch. What hours do you think would be best for him to be on duty? A life guard's job is to prevent accidents. He is not a nursemaid. Do you think an age limit should be set under which children should be accompanied by parents?

A diving board will cost approximately \$45.

It has been suggested an admission fee be charged to help support the pool. Red Cross information tells us if admission is charged the town is legally liable in case of an accident.

Dredging estimates on any site suggested so far cannot be had because of the weather. The committee has arranged to look into any sites suggested as soon as the weather permits. Send in your suggestion now!

First thought of as a swimming place was Wanamaker Pond as it is the only natural spot within the limits of Northfield and would involve the least expense.

Wanamaker Lake is the property of the Northfield Schools. The schools have no need of the lake and do not care to expend any money on it as their indoor pool serves all their needs. They are willing to let the town use the lake if they want it and will be responsible for its upkeep. If you think Wanamaker will suit our general

HISTORICAL NOTES NORTHFIELD FIRE HOSE COMPANY

It has been noted in previous notes on the Northfield Fire Hose Company that an article had been prepared for insertion in the town warrant and on Jan. 9, 1911 it was ready and circulated for signatures and the meeting of that date was adjourned without further business.

At the March 4 meeting Capt. Mead reported the fire at Fred Britton's on Feb. 11, no fires were reported for the remainder of the year, and at the meeting of Nov. 14 Capt. Mead stated it would be well to elect a successor to Arthur Mason who had left town. On a motion made and seconded Burt Lyman was unanimously chosen a member of the Co.

The year 1912 passed without any recorded fires with members of the Company receiving \$58 for services rendered during the year. No mention being made on the progress of the fire house or tower.

On March 11, 1913 Capt. Mead reported a fire at Charles Matson's on the afternoon of the 7th, and a brush fire was reported from the railroad, with members of the Company doing duty in both cases.

On May 13, 1913, a fire was reported at Dr. Torrey's, with the

house being completely destroyed.

"Dwight Proctor did 5 hours work and hired horse to take Hose Cart."

On December 9, 1913 the amount received for services was distributed among members.

The meeting of August 11, 1914 was adjourned to the 13th because a thunderstorm had caused the electric lights to be turned off.

At the August 13 meeting it was reported that Dwight Proctor, Will Slate and Burt Preston had left town and the names of Walter Fisher, Will Hendra and Harry M. Bristol were presented to the meeting and unanimously elected to the Company. Report was made of the fire at Mrs. Driscoll's July 23.

At the Sept. 8, 1914 meeting Capt. Mead and John Phelps resigned from the Company, with James Quimlan and Will Lara chosen as new members.

Harry M. Bristol was elected as Captain of the Company, and promised to have a Lt. for the next meeting.

At the Oct. 13 meeting Capt. Bristol appointed Fred Irish as Lt. of the Company.

(To be continued)

needs it is your duty to make your wishes known. Then the selecting will approach the Northfield Schools for a satisfactory arrangement for the use of the pond.

There are already two bath houses at Wanamaker Pond which may be used as in the past.

The present dam is adequate with the addition of one or two flash boards.

Wanamaker Pond is a natural spot for a picnic area. It is not surrounded by homes which might object to the noise of crowds. It is not inaccessible nor is it too far to go for a couple hours of swimming. Small children with their parents have always enjoyed the small pools above the falls.

An objection has been raised to the traffic hazard on the highway. Is it any more dangerous there than any other part of the highways in town? Children not old enough to cross a highway without their parents are too young to be going to a pool alone. Any location of a pool would mean half the population would have to cross the highway some place.

Investigation is being made in regard to State owned highway bordering on town public property. In order to insure facilities for swimming this summer? Do you feel you would like to invest some money for the welfare of the young people in making Wanamaker usable? The cost of which would cover enough for a life guard, diving board and dredging. The money invested in a town skating rink is felt to have been a bad investment but it should be remembered that the first year the skating rink was developed its operation was obstructed by "an act of God." You will remember a great many young people who would have helped to make it successful were in the war on a bigger job. You will also recall that it was a very hard winter. When the ice was prepared, the next day we had a heavy snow - then followed rain and then it was too cold for skating.

On the whole a very bad winter for skating. Such occurrence is not likely to happen with a swimming pool. If Wanamaker Lake proved satisfactory on trial the invested money would not be wasted but could be added to each year on permanent desired improvements, such as rest rooms, picnic tables, fire-places, parking facilities.

One objection raised, against Wanamaker is the fact that the silt washes into the lake from the brook necessitating the cost of dredging each year. Any brook filled pool would have the same problem which is not an insurmountable one.

It is suggested you keep this article for further reference as the committee will publish all the facts that come to its attention. Then you will be able to make your choice when the time comes for action.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Gould Benney
Committee Chairman.

The Burden

Dear Mr. Editor:

One should never write for the public nor even speak before an audience and not expect a misinterpretation of the subject matter. However, there is always an opportunity of trying again to make oneself more clearly understood. I will try to clarify what I had in mind in quoting Bret Harte.

Mr. Roberts is right when he said that "he could be wrong" in summing up my thoughts in the matter, and he is wrong if he thinks he is right in assuming that I do not think the people of Northfield are intelligent. On the contrary, Northfield, on the whole, is intelligent. However, I like to leave a little loophole for further study in isolated cases. As I see it, neither enthusiasm nor intelligence is worth a tinker blow-torch if they are not accompanied with

good sound judgement.

I will return to the forum meeting. There were two statements made there that are well worth repetition and careful consideration. You cannot go wrong if you follow the good reasoning of either one of them. It was Mrs. Casey that said, "Let us do one thing at a time, but do it well." I like that. Then Mr. Guhse came forward and hit the nail on the head when he said, "We must have a philosophy." To make sure of myself I took DANIEL WEBSTER from the book-shelf and into my confidence and I found that Mr. Guhse was on the right track. The interesting article by the editor of this paper also led me to the conclusion that something tangible, something good, and a philosophy are worthy of careful consideration. We cannot let them die. I would also hazard a guess that all of those other people felt as I did - that we talked on so many things and accomplished nothing.

No, Russell my friend, the enthusiasm is neither new nor spontaneous. It has been smouldering for quite some time, and when mother and daddy can see their way clear to buy Junior and Frances a swimming pool, with all the fixings I am sure they will do so. One thing we did do in that forum, we talked a great deal about many things, but never a word about cost, therefore Bret Harte. See.

One thing I do know. Northfield is a beautiful town to live in, and its people compare favorably with the average American. The locality, the environment, and the advantages which this small town has to offer can well be the envy of other localities. I should like to say more regarding this old town of ours, but my 400 word limit is quite used up. Follow the progress of the community from year to year and you will notice changes in keeping with modern trends and the pocket-book. Look backwards for results accomplished. Look forward with assurances that Northfield will do her part.

I feel quite sure that the swimming pool is a reality, for the near future. I am all for it if the ones who are to bear the burden of expense want it. When it is a reality, Junior, can splash in the pool, little sister can play in the sand and bark in the sun and mother can sit in the shade and knit while the baby naps in her bassinet. The old gent can return from his toil and expect to find his supper on the table, whereas, to his surprise and chagrin, the longed-for meal is not on the table, neither is it on the stove; and no one to put it there. There's going to be lot's of fun, I assure you.

While I am on my feet I would say that this project is no small item of expense. Fifteen thousand dollars initial cost, and an annual maintenance of thirty-five hundred dollars is a conservative estimate in my opinion.

In all this I do find something that even I cannot understand. For example:

A Scotchman gave his little boy a penny to go to sleep. When the little fellow was fast asleep that very same Scotchman stole the penny then spanked the little chap the next morning for having lost the coin in the night time.

But get this one - Three Scotchmen attended Sunday morning worship. The minister pleaded with his congregations to make a generous offering and hoped that no one would give less than a dollar. Just before the collection plate came to where these three gentlemen were seated, one of them fainted and the other two carried him out. Nice team work, don't you think?

Then there is the great big sign in a laundry window which reads, "Don't kill your wife, let us do your dirty work."

I say again, I can't understand it.

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"CRASH DIVE"

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by Gertrude O. Whitney

Speaking of seeds, I have planted a "whopper", though it really comes under the class of fruit pits and stones. I was given a sample taste of an avocado pear from California. It has a buttery consistency and can be used on crackers in place of butter. I let the large stones stand in a glass of water for several weeks, hoping it would show signs of sprouting. When the brown skin finally began to crack, I planted it in dirt but I am skeptical as to my ultimate success. I imagine that sometime next summer when I have forgotten all about it, it will burst forth.

Last year my sweet potato vines climbing on strings across my kitchen window were considered a joke, but I really got some rudimentary potatoes and could have done better, had I left them alone. You have heard of children digging up beans to see if they had sprouted. Then there are the over-anxious amateurs in the hen business (old style) who attempt to assist the first faintly peeping chicks, by removing the eggs from the mother hen and pricking the shell and delicate membrane. You can't go "agin' nature" with impunity. The processes of nature require patience, and the unerring instinct of the incubating hen mother, listening for the faint pecking of little yellow bills inside the shells, is worth more than the experimenting of bungling human beings.

Well! I seem to have strayed from the garden into the chicken house. Going back to sweet potatoes, I visited in Louisiana for the whole month of October, 1943, and never saw a sweet potato growing, and only one dried-up cotton plant, but sugar-cane aplenty was being harvested along the Huey Long highway — row after row, as far as one could see. The cotton crop was already baled and marketed.

I covered the 90-mile level stretch between New Orleans and Baton Rouge twice: going by moonlight in a wonderful, ultra-modern, stream-lined train; returning by bus, past alternating stretches of bayous and sugar-cane land. The rows of sugar cane looked to be about half a mile in length, each tract marked with the owner's name. The largest tract had its own private narrow-gauge railroad to haul away the little cars of sugar

cane. A more customary sight is the little donkey or mule, trotting along the roadside with his cane laden cart and colored driver.

The latest thing in sweet potato improvement, the Farm Journal tells us, is the bushy variety that throws out no runners to be stepped on, or to interfere with cultivation. To my way of thinking, some of the enormous space given over to cultivation of "the filthy weed" here in our Connecticut Valley might better be used for an attempt, at least, at raising sweet potatoes. I believe we could raise them successfully, although I am no professional farmer — and melons, too — muskmelons or cantelopes. Many of those shipped to our markets are picked before fully ripe, likewise the pale boxed tomatoes. There is nothing to equal the flavor of a sun-ripened vegetable or fruit. Most housekeepers have had experience with green peaches, permeated with the tang of unripe stones.

When I arrived in Jackson, Louisiana, the tea roses were still in full bloom and how the birds did sing! One had to be very careful not to leave the front gate open, however, for the livestock had unrestricted grazing privileges so that one must say "Shoo!" to neighbor's hens, pigs, cows or mules straying into one's garden and scratching, rooting or munching, according to their tastes. One day the cows got through our gate and raised sad havoc among the roses.

At church one Sunday, we had for a centerpiece, a large vase of "angels' trumpets" (really glorified daturas). A member of the congregation had contributed them out of her own garden where I saw them later growing as high as the top of the window beneath which they were planted. A kind neighbor gave me some from the church bouquet, knowing my love of flowers. They were as handsome as Easter lilies, but did not possess their fragrance. The comparatively inconspicuous datura, or thorn apple, which is so common in our city dumps is a noxious, foul-smelling plant which would only attract flies and beetles. It belongs to the deadly nightshade family (Solanaceae) as does nicotiana (tobacco) and many of our prized vegetables such as potatoes, tomatoes and egg-plant. Tomatoes were once known as "love-apples" and only came into common use here about seventy-five years ago, and egg-plant even later.

TOWN TOPICS

Miss Lorraine Gingras is on duty at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital in Brattleboro, Vt.



Ringold Lady Dora Tops Hampshire Sows

Raises Total of 71 Pigs to Weaning Age

First of her Hampshire breed to become a "seven-star" sow, Ringold Lady Dora No. 753,056 has raised a total of 71 pigs to weaning age, an average of 10.1 pigs per litter. This record is more impressive when compared with national averages. According to U. S. department of agriculture reports, the national average is 6.18



Here, with her seventh "star" family, is Ringold Lady Dora No. 753,056, champion production sow in the Hampshire breed and the first of her kind to qualify as a "seven-star" sow.

spring pigs and 6.39 fall pigs per litter raised to weaning age.

To qualify for a star in the Hampshire production registry a sow must raise a litter of at least eight pigs, without fault or defect, to weigh 320 pounds within 56 days of farrowing. And of course to gain a "seven-star" record Ringold Lady Dora has repeated this performance seven times. She is the first sow in the Hampshire breed to be listed for either the sixth or seventh "star" litters.

In her seventh "star" litter, this sow farrowed 15 pigs, nine of which were saved. The eight selected for registration weighed 443 pounds at 56 days after farrowing.

The production champion was fed a ration containing corn, oats, alfalfa and pelleted milk by-products prior to farrowing. Her pigs were creep fed early and raised on a ration of seven parts corn and three parts oats, with a per cent milk by-products added.

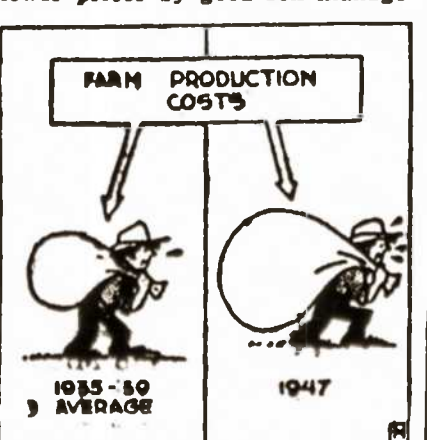
Ringold Lady has been owned and bred by William C. Goodheart, Jr., of Eaton, Ohio, since 1944, and was sold to Meadowlark Farms, Inc., Sullivan, Ind.

Farm Production Costs

Farm production costs have nearly tripled since the pre-war years of 1935-39, according to U. S. department of agriculture statistics. These costs totaled 14.9 billion dollars in 1947, compared with 5.2 billion before World War II's outbreak. Farm wages are now three and a half times the 1935-39 average.

Meanwhile, farm prices have slumped and many economists expect a further easing in months ahead. Corn and wheat are already 25 to 40 per cent under their early 1948 peaks.

Farmers can best meet the impact of higher production costs and lower prices by good soil management that steps up crop producing efficiency and lowers output costs per unit.



Good soil management involves no magic or mystery. It simply means playing fair with the soil by returning organic matter and plant nutrients used up by constant crop production. Organic matter can be restored by growing deep-rooted legumes such as alfalfa or sweet clover in the rotation and plowing them under for green manure.

When the soil is restocked with organic matter and plant food you will get higher yields and you will cut your production costs.

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The ease and convenience of its use as well as its high nutritive value justify its place along with flour, sugar and salt in the pantry shelf of every homemaker.



Refugee family flown from Displaced Persons Camp in Austria for resettlement in South America. It is estimated that there are some 600,000 Displaced Persons still in camps in Germany, Austria and the Middle East. Through its Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, the Episcopal Church is aiding in the resettlement program of Church World Service. This month all Churches join in a campaign for funds for this objective.



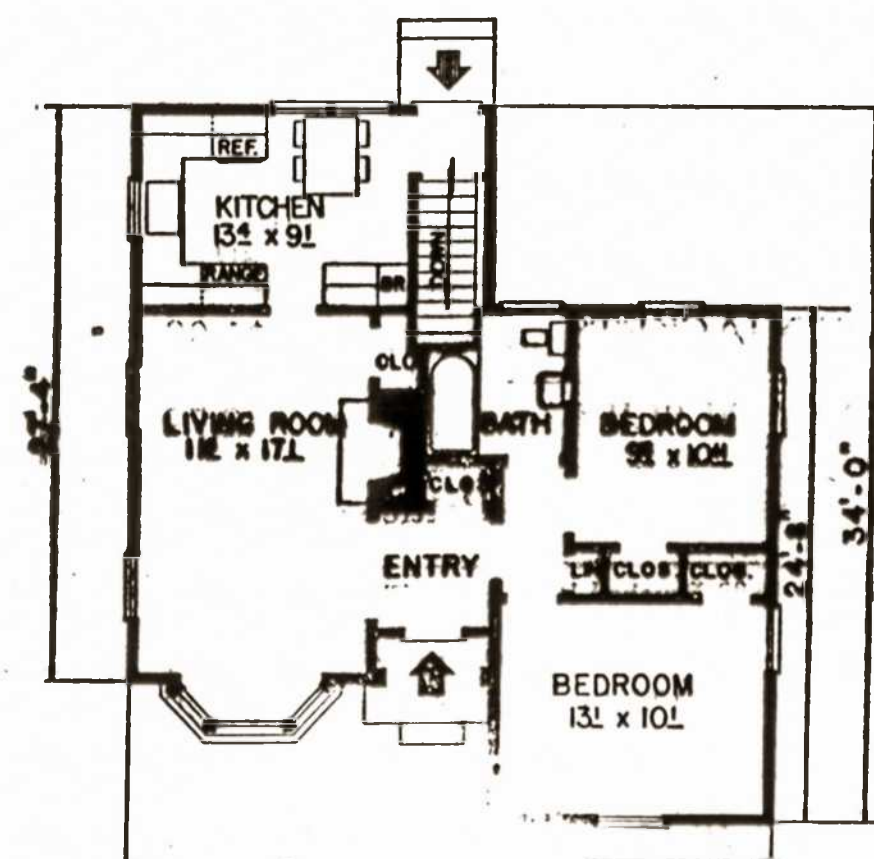
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CHURCH NOTES

TRINITARIAN
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Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.

Sunday, March 8,
9:00 a. m., unior choir rehearsal.
9:55 a. m., Church School.
10:00 a. m., Young Peoples Forum and Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m., Public Worship. First in a Lenten Series of Sermons on "Lenten Questions": "Are We Worthy?" Receiving of members and the observance of Holy Communion. Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m., Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will go to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wilton Dean for their meeting. Devotions to be led by James Livingston.

The Women's Guild will have an all-day sewing meeting in the vestry on Thursday, starting at ten a. m. Bring lunch; beverage will be furnished. A continuation of work on the Ellis Island projects.

A mid-week Lenten service will be held in the vestry on Thursday evening at 7:30. Mr. Reeves will speak on "How Jesus Interpreted His Messiahship."

The pastor's Lenten Class in church membership for those of the teen-age will start on Sunday, March 13th.

Mrs. Harold Moulton of Southbridge, Mass., will speak at the 20-45 Club on Sunday evening, March 13.

The Young People are sponsoring a roller skating party to be held at the South Deerfield rink on Monday, March 21.

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Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.
Sunday, March 6,
10:00 a. m., Sunday School.
11:00 a. m., Service and Sermon.
5:00 p. m., A. T. V. meets.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor
Masses: First Sunday of Month.
8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
Sunday, March 6,
10:30 a. m., Service and Sermon.
11:30 a. m., Sunday School.
3 P. M.—Service at the Bronson Inn.

10:30 a. m. Service and Sermon.
Evangelism.

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YOUR JOB

Wherever you're working — in office or shop.

And however far you may be from the top.

Though you may think that you are treading the mill.

Don't ever belittle the job that you fill.

For, however little your job may appear.

You're just as important as some little gear.

That meshes with others in some big machine.

That helps keep it going — though never seen.

They could do without you — we'll have to admit.

For business keeps going when big fellows quit!

And always remember, my lad, if you can.

The job's more important (oh yes) than the man.

So if it's your hope to keep off of the shelf.

Think more of your job than you do of yourself.

Your job is important — don't think that it's not.

So try hard to give it the best that you've got.

And don't ever think you're of little account;

Remember you're part of the total amount.

If they didn't need you, you wouldn't be there.

So always, my lad, keep your chin in the air!

A digger of ditches, mechanic or clerk

Think well of your company, yourself and your work.

Author Unknown

CPC Takes Over A Long Range Program

The Central Planning Committee of Northfield met on Thursday, February 24, with Dr. J. W. Bennett chairman, presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted as read.

The following member groups were represented by the following: VFW, Dr. J. W. Bennett; PTA, James C. Gillespie; 4-H Club, Mrs. Helen Benney; OES, Philip Mann, Jr.; Haven H. Spencer Post, A. L. Ted Powell; Selectmen, Ernest A. Parker; Red Cross, George W. Carr; Girl Scout Troop Committee, Mrs. B. R. Andrews, Jr.; Community Club No. 3, Willis K. Parker; Northfield Grange, Mrs. Isabel Carter; The Brotherhood, E. M. Powell, Sr.; Garden Club, Byron Russell; American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Lura Stone; School Committee, I. J. Lawrence; Northfield Press, Unto Hantunen.

Mrs. Helen Benney reported on the progress made thus far in plans for a swimming pool. She read a letter from the District Engineer promising a further report on the area surrounding Wampanoag Pond.

E. M. Powell, Sr., read excerpts from a booklet prepared by the New York Department of Commerce entitled "Your Home Town's Future." A discussion followed with some time being devoted to the contemplation of the possibility of establishing small industries in this town. Powell will prepare excerpts from the booklet for further study by members of the CPC.

A part of this discussion was devoted to the possibility of establishing some kind of "long range program" for Northfield, which would include all phases of community development. Mr. Harold McLean of the teaching staff of the Northfield High School has been invited to attend the next session of the CPC to present his ideas on the subject.

A number of new members for the CPC were proposed, and invitations will be sent out soon. Copies of the minutes of the meeting will be mailed to all members of the CPC.

The next meeting of the CPC will be held on March 31, Thursday at 8 p. m. in the town hall.

Basketball SCOREBOARD

By outscoring Northfield High School in the second half Thayer High School of Winchester, N. H., went on to win by a score of 32 to 29. Severance was high man for the locals with 16 points.

In the final game of the season the local girls lost to Thayer 21 to 14. The summaries:

THAYER — Barden, lf, 4-2-10; Schultz, rf, 2-0-4; Swett, rf, 0-0-0; Thompson, c, 7-1-15; Baker, lg, 1-0-2; Juniper, lg, 0-0-0; Fosdick, rg, 0-1-1; totals, 14-4-32.

NORTHFIELD — R. Whitney, rg, 0-0-0; Morgan, rg, 0-0-0; Hutchins, lg, 1-0-2; Severance, c, 5-6-16; Kenney, c, 0-0-0; W. Whitney, rf, 1-1-3; J. Blimon, lf, 4-0-8; Melio, lf, 0-0-0; totals, 11-7-29.

Score by periods 1 2 3 4
Thayer 4 10 10 8-32
Northfield 7 10 3 9-29
Referee—Amsden.

THAYER GIRLS—Byrne, lf, 4-4-12; Brayman, rf, 1-0-2; Caban, rf, 2-1-5; Baker, rf, 0-0-0; Zack, cf, 0-2-2; Rau, cf, 0-0-0; Payeski, cf, 0-0-0; Thompson, lg, 0-0-0; Kiley, cg, 0-0-0; Coombs, rg, 0-0-0; totals, 7-7-21.

NORTHFIELD GIRLS — Carter, rg, 0-0-0; J. Randall, lg, 0-0-0; Holton, cg, 0-0-0; Mello, cg, 0-0-0; Allen, cf, 2-2-4; Hartford, cf, 0-0-0; Whitney, rf, 2-0-4; Manakowsky, lf, 2-0-4; totals, 6-2-14.

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Author Unknown

Public Invited To Joint Concert Mar. 5

Friends of the Northfield Schools will have an opportunity to hear the glee clubs and combined orchestra of the schools in a joint concert in the Auditorium Saturday, March 5, at 8:30 p. m. There will be no charge for admission.

This concert is planned to take the place of the usual commencement concert and will offer an opportunity for many friends and alumni to attend one of the schools' musical events. Attendance at the Sacred Concerts and Commencement Concerts is usually confined to parents and students because of the limited capacity of the Auditorium. Saturday night's presentation will be under the direction of Albert R. Raymond, director of choral music, and Milton J. Aronson, director of orchestral music, and the accompanists will be Miss Gloria Savcheff of the Northfield music faculty and Mr. Carlton L'Honmieu, head of the Mount Hermon Music Department.

The program is as follows: Symphony No. 104 in D Major, First Movement, Allegro by Franz J. Haydn; the orchestra; Tro Chorus from "L'Allegro" by George F. Handel, the combined glee clubs and orchestra; Sarabande by George F. Handel, Hungarian Dances Nos. 7 and 8 by Johannes Brahms, Chit-Chat Polka by Johann Strauss, the orchestra; Sound the Trumpet by Henry Purcell, Suabian Folk Song harmonized by Brahms. The Spinning Chorus by Richard Wagner, Hymn to the Night by Richard Donovan, What Do We Plant by Aaron Coplan, the Northfield Glee Club; Now is the Month of Maying by Thomas Morley, the Lark in the Morn arranged by Randall Thompson, Father William by Irving Fine, the madrigal singers; The Great Gate of Kiev by Moussorgsky-Rebikov, Russian Sailor's Dance by Gile, the orchestra; The Agincourt Song arranged by Healey Willan, My Heart Commends Itself to Thee, by Orlando Lasso, Every Time I Feel the Spirit arranged by Robert Delaney, Deep River arranged by W. A. Fisher, De Animals A-Comin' arranged by Marshall Bartholomew.

Mount Hermon Glee Club; Land-Sighting by Edward Grieg, the combined glee clubs and orchestra; School Songs, There is a Noble River by Mary Whittle Moody and A Song of Hermon by Leo Phillips, students and alumni.

Guest speakers at the Sunday morning worship services at the Northfield Schools will be Dr. Herbert Gezork of Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and Dr. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

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Expect March To Be Big Ski Month

New Hampshire ski resort and lift operators are confident that March, usually a big snow month in the White Mountains, will be this year's biggest month for skiers. It is usually the most pleasant month for skiing, with longer hours of daylight than the early part of the season and temperatures that are cold enough for good snow but mild enough for skiing without extra-heavy clothing. The lift operators have a feeling that the law of averages is going to even things up by providing good skiing throughout the month.

March will also be a big month for competitive ski events as many major races that were postponed from snowless January will be held in addition to events already scheduled.

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evening at the funeral home of Wesley Harris Kehr, 2438 N. Board street, Philadelphia, with interment at West Laurel Hill Cemetery privately on Friday.

From the New York Times, Feb. 23
RALPH W. BROWN

Special to the New York Times
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L. I., Feb. 27 — Ralph W. Brown, who was Y. M. C. A. executive director for Nassau and Suffolk Counties from 1922 until his retirement in 1941, died here today at his home, 60 Harvard avenue, after a brief illness at the age of 70.

After some years in banking, Mr. Brown entered the "Y" organization in 1913, and soon became director of the West Side branch in Manhattan.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Moyer of Rockville Centre, and Mrs. Eleanor Schlosser; a son, Edmund F. Brown of South Bend, Ill., and a brother, Chester W. Brown of Manomet, Mass.

Mr. Brown had been living at the Northfield and had returned to his home with the object of disposing of his property and then returning to the Northfield April 1.

He appeared in splendid health and was looking forward to returning to Northfield.

He was a leading member in the development of the recently organized Men's Bible Class at the Congregational Church.

He will be greatly missed by men of the class, as well as by friends he had found during his year in Northfield.

School Bus Routes Revised By Committee

The school committee met recently in the center school with all members present to complete plans to transport all pupils in grades one to three living more than a mile from school. Buses were started Monday.

The high school calendar was revised to close school June 17. To do this the high school will be in session April 15 until 12:30, and April 20, 21, and 22.

It was reported there will be at least 38 to enter grade one next fall. This presents a problem of two classes of grade one.

Preliminary plans for the annual senior class trip to Washington were studied. Plans for supervision of art with other school committees of the union were made. The grades received by boys attending Greenfield vocational school were studied.

News of 4-H CLUBS

The Northfield 4-H Club were very busy at their meeting held Feb. 17. Mr. Edward Benney coached the boys in their first wrestling lesson. The girls were busy working on their sewing projects and still trying to get the scrap book finished.

Some of the 4-H'ers could not meet on Thursday, Feb. 24 as they had choir practice but those who did had a lesson in target practice with a .22 rifle.

The week of March 6 is National 4-H Club week. Mr. Harry Griggs has kindly consented to let the 4-H Club display some of the work they have done.

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